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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.